

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of:
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For: METHOD AND APPRATUS FOR
RECYCLING PET-MATERIALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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However, since the PET-materials to be recycled or the articles consisting of PET, in particular PET-bottles, are mostly soiled and are washed and possibly previously comminuted, at which procedure a simultaneous soiling frequently cannot be avoided, in the most cases the material is discretely comminuted or milled, washed and dried. Such a pre-drying should be at least so efficient, that the moisture content does not exceed a value of 1.5 weight-% of the PET-material to be treated or to be recycled.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph: